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THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER

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No advices as to nature of proposition that allies will now make as to settlement of Venezuelan dispute, but belief is general that an amicable settlement, resulting in early raising of the blockade, will soon be reached—Tobacco men who are to protest against the giving of prizes and the protest against the giving of prizes and present to Beht Jeffries for the heavy-weight championship—Stock market was dull again yesterday—Contracts awarded for the two new cruisers—R. Bidlick shot his sweetheart and then ended his own life with carbolle aeld and pistol builets—Hobson may not be allowed to resign from the navy because of the need of men in the construction department—Committee reports its findings on the Lessler bribery charges and practically states that Doblin was guilty of perjury and made approaches to corrupt Lessler on his own responsibility in an effort to make money—Beauvoir, the home the President of the Confederacy, now the property of the Mississippi Sons of Veterans—Elkins bill, designed to regulate commerce between the States, passed the Senate—Representative Payne unable to prevent the passage of riviate claims bills in the House—American squadron ordered to Hondinas, owing to revolution and civil war there—Venezuelan Government troops win great victory over the insurgenis—James Cowden is not allowed counsel fees by committee which regains and delies the story that Mr. Davis disguished himself in woman's cloths.

CONTRACT FOR TWENTY **BIG NEW ENGINES**

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Rallroad Company has given a contract to the Richmond Locomotive Works to build ten up-to-date engines. These will be equal to any now used by this company.

This company will have at least five, and probably ten engines, built by the Baldwin Company, at Philadelphia, the contract having been made through Mr. George F. Jones, the agent for this company, in Richmond.

DOBLIN IS **GUILTY OF PERJURY**

May Be Prosecuted by U.S. Attorney-General.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS ON LESSLER CHARGES

Lemuel Ell Quigg and Holland Co. Exonerated,

PLAN OF DOBLIN TO MAKE MONEY

Was Approached is Sustained, Think

By a vote of nine to six the committee decided against the proposition to author-ize additional submarine torpedo boats.

MINORITY VIEW, The minority report submits the conclusions of the minority, the first of which is as follows:

"I. That the charge that an attempt

was made to corruptly influence a member of the Committee on Naval Affairs respecting proposed legislation pending before the House, is not sustained."

The minority differs with the majority of the first state of the majority of the first state of the first s only in its first conclusion. In other respects the conclusions are identical.

IS NO LEGAL BAR TO A FRANCHISE

The Southern Railway Can Be Granted One Because it is a Trunk System.

It developed yesterday afternoon that has a right to grant a new franchise nothing, no legal question as to the right of the Council to take such action stand-ing in the way.

It is understood that City Allows ing in the way.

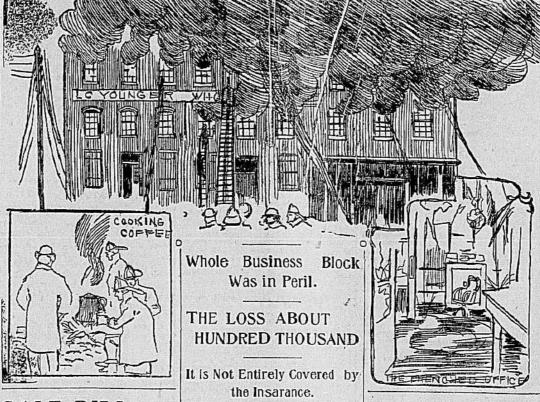
It is understood that City Attorney Pollard has given it as his opinion that the city has a perfect right to grant a franchise.

etty has a perfect right to grant a franchise.

The new Constitution states plainly that all franchises, except those for trunk railroads, shall be put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. For some reason the tramers of the Constitution as we fit to exclude trunk railroads and there is no question about the Souther, ern being such a system.

The ordinance, which was held up Monday alght, states that the Southern is a trunk railroad, this clause having been inserted by the City Attorney for the purpose of making it clear to the Council that the ordinance might be passed without violating the Constitution.

YOUNGER'S STORE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE



SALE BILL IS REPORTED

General Insurance Measure Endorsed.

IT IS NOT SATISFACTORY

Labor Bills Up-Big Day Ahead

and the bill reported without material amendment, and by a unanimous vote. The bill is not satisfactory to the insurance people, in that it requires them to bear the expense of the commission.

The bill creates an Insurance Bureau and then goes on to deal with the entire subject of insurance in Virginia. Senator Sale says he is sure his bill will pass the Senate.

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections yesterday considered the bill to shorten the oyster season by striking out the month of September and it went over until to-day.

Dr. Bowoin and Captain S. F. Miller, of the State Board of Fisheries, advocated the bill and it was opposed by many oyster planters. The bill to transfer certain oyster bottoms in Westmoreland county to private parties also went over. Hon, C. C. Baker is opposing this bill, and he says his people have recently assembled in mass-meeting and endorsed his course.

The bill of Mr. Jordan to break the Bayler survey was fixed for February 17th.

The Reads Committee of the House held a brief session yesterday and heard Messrs, R. II. Phillips, engineer of the Washington and Arlington Railread Company, and J. E. Clements, Commonweatth's attorney of Alexandria county, in favor of the protection of sall stockholders in corporations. No action was taken in the matter. The committee will report to the House on the subject of corporations to-day.

The House Committee on Agriculture will meet this morning and take up the Whitehead bill to those a tax of 8 cents per ton on coal, iron and other ores. A number of Southwest Virginians will appear before the committee to oppose the bill.

The Senate Committee on General Laws will meet to night to finally consider the Cabell child labor bill, when Labor Com-missioner Dolberty will give his views on the subject. It looks as if the bill will be adversely reported.

The Toney municipal franchise bill was considered for some time by the Counties, Clitics and Towns Committee of the House yesterday and passed over until this morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. Toney tidnks his bill will pass muster before the committee. The Toney municipal franchise bill was

DARING ACT OF SECOND LIEUTENANT RAFFO.

Carried Out Kegs of Powder When the Made Them Hot-The Fire Well Handled by the Department.

a time looked as 10 it would

THE INSURANCE.

WILL KILL HIS BILL, SAYS BARKSDALE

House Committee Reports it After Inserting the Word "Corruptly,"

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections yesterday afternoon reported the Barksdale pure elections bill for a second time, after a stormy session, but with an amendment which the patron declares will destroy the utility of the

Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton succeeded in putting on his much-discussed amendment, inserting the word "cor ruptly" before the clause relating to the spending of money, and that referring to influence in elections as well.

Mr. Barksdale was present and made a spirited fight against the amendment which he declared with some show o feeling would destroy his measure, and

feeling would destroy his measure, and render it a dead letter even if pussed. But the committee thought otherwise, and vored to put in the amendment. Sentator Barksdale was not at all pleased over the matter last night, and was being consoled by some friends in the House, who said they would fight to strike off the amendment when the bill comes up for final action.

"If the people of Virkina mean what they said in the Consillutional Convention, and if their oft repeated party declarations are to be considered as worthy of moment, it seems to me that the time has come to purify the elections of the State. In this matter I feel that I am but doing a duly I owe to the people of my State and when I shall have acried the fight on the floor of the House through my friends there, my duty will have been done, whatever the action of that bedy. I hope the word corruptly will be stricken out and I shall not stop fighting until the last rag of here shall have vanished."

ESCAPED FROM JAIL

Utley Gets Out of the Fayetteville City Prison.

THE DOORS FOUND LOCKED

Building, But All Profess Ignor-

W. H. Marsh.

The jalier's story is that he entered the jali at \$8.20 o'clock this morning to feed the prisoners, and found a hole made on the second floor by the displacement of the wooden casing of the stairway. Opening Utley's cell, he saw him, as he thought, on his cot, wrapped in his blankets. He then went to the other cells, feund all the other prisoners safe, returned to Utley's cell and discovered that the shape on the cot was made up of the boards from the stairway casing, wrapped in the bed clothing, and Utley was gone. He then notified Captain A, B, Williams, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, of the prisoner's escape.

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Pate admits that the fron door of the corridor leading into the tier of cells in which Utley was confined was open, as also the other door leading to the outwas customary. Of course, he has no ex-planation to offer as to how Utley got out of his celt, which was found locked, or how he made his exit from the juit telescope. No clue has yet been found of the escaped prisoner.

LYNCHBURGER READ

AN IMPORTANT PAPER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOSTON, MASS, February 3.-Up-wards of one hundred shoe tradesmen nembers of the National Shoe Whole members of the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association, attended 'to-day's
opening sesion of the annual convention
at the Hotel Somerset,
One of the most important papers was
delivered by John W. Craddock, of
Lynchburg, Va., on "The Salesman a
l'actor in Distribution."
A banquet was held this evening.

TEN PER CENT. OVER LAST JANUARY

The figures at the postoffice show most remarkable increase in busines over the month of January of last year. The aggregate of sales of postal sup-plies amounts to 10 per cent, more than those of the corresponding month of last

AWAITING ANOTHER PROPOSAL

Settlement Expected of Venezuelan Dispute.

ANSWER HOPED FOR IN A SHORT TIME

Representatives of Allies Held Important Conference.

OUR ATTITUDE WILL BE SET EXACTLY FORTH

on the activity of Earon Speek von Sternberg, He has given every evidence that he sincerely wants the dispute ad-justed without prelonging the blockade. The German Government has been in-formed of the difficulties which public feeling in this country has been restrained from an outburst against the Anglo-German alliance and it is believed that it appreciates the necessity of early set-tlement of the whole dispute. The President to-day received a call from Baron Sternburg and the two spent

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STRICKEN AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE

Patrolman Louis Temple Frazer, of the Third District, in a Critical Condition.

tical Condition.

Patrolman Lewis Temple Frazer, of the Third District, the oldest attache of the police department in that particular section of the city, and one of the ploneers of the entire force, is conduced to his home, No. 41 Mource Street, with a stroke of paralysis. He was striken last Friday afternoon, while doing house duty at the Third Station.

Sergeant Epps, who was in charge at the time, discovered the seriousness of the old patrolman's condition and sent him home forthwith, after which he called Dr. C. W. P. Brock, the police physician, who has since that time been attending him.

tending him.
The condition of Patrolman Frazer is

The condition of Patrolman Frazer is not regarded as necessarily fatat, and strong hopes are entertained for his final recovery, although his age—seventy-two years—sees against him. It is hardly probable that the officer will over again do patrol duty, in which event he will receive a monthly pension from the Rellef Association.

Patrolman Frazer was elected as a member of the police force in July, 1873. He has served in the Third District for nearly thirty years, having done duty under almost every official connected with the department. He has always been regarded as a first-rate policeman and has been universally popular with his follow-workers, who have learned of his misfortune with much sadness. workers, who have learned fortune with much sadness.

GEORGIA SOCIETY OF **NEW YORK**

Governor of State Guest of Honor at Banquet.

DELIVERED AN ELOQUENT ADDRESS

Handled the Negro Question! in Moderate Manner.

NO INTERFERENCE FROM THE OUTSIDE

Do No Possible Good-Mayor

"In the solution of internal problems, as they relate to a State or section, the people more directly interested need intelligent sympathy without interference, more than they do ignorant assistance; with prejudiced intermedding. It is bet-ter to leave the adjustment of all social problems to those who come into daily contact with them. At this particular stage of the world's history, it seems a splendid time for all the States to relegate the Pharisee and the theorist and ingate the Pharisee and the theorist and in-terest themselves in attending to their own affairs, while they watch with a common patriotism the dangers that may await America abrond," Governor Terrell was entertained at an informal luncheon this afternoon by Con-gressman-elect W. R. Hearst, president of the National Association of Demo-cratic Clubs

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Among those present were Clark Howell, president of the Georgia Senate and editor of the Atlanta Constitution: 'Newt." Morris, speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and others of Governor Terrell's party.

SHAFER BUILDING MATTER TO BE UP SATURDAY

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., has set aside the award of the commission in the condemnation of land for the Norfolk navy-yard. The commission awarded folk navy-yard. The commission awarded Syz2,000 dams, aw proceedings will after Saturday, when the question come up. Sh as necessary building, the same course would very likely be pursued in reference to the land for the Norfolk navy-yard.

BOY ROBBER OF MAIL SET FREE BY JUDEE

(Special to The Times Dispatch)
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. M. Feb. 3.—
Judge Kirkpatrick, in the United States
Court. at Trenton, discharged under suspension of sentence Emil Banse, the boy
who robbed a mail sack to get money.

Ger candy.

for candy.

Banse was eleven years old when he committed the crime, and was kept in fall several months awaiting trial.